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SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

### 1. CODELS TO THE PRC (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE CHINESE HAVE AGREED TO POSTPONE THE FACILITATED CODEL  
PLANNED FOR MID-NOVEMBER UNTIL JANUARY 1978 UHILE STILL  
CONSIDERING IT PART OF THE 1977 EXCHANGE PROGRAM; TWO  
ADDITIONAL CODELS WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR 1978. SENATOR  
JACKSON HAS RESERVATIONS TO DEPART NOVEMBER 27 FOR THE  
PRC BUT, ACCORDING TO HIS STAFF, HE WILL NOT LEAVE UNTIL  
THE ENERGY BILL IS SETTLED. SENATOR KENNEDY, ACCOMPANIED  
BY 15 FAMILY MEMBERS AND STAFFERS, STILL PLANS TO LEAVE  
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NEW YORK NOVEMBER 29 FOR SIX DAYS IN JAPAN AND 14 DAYS IN  
THE PRC, RETURNING TO THE US FROM HONG KONG ON DECEMBER  
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### 2. THE PRC SOCCER TEAM (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE PRC SOCCER TEAM, WHICH CREATED DIFFICULTIES BY REFUSING

TO UNDERGO AIRPORT SECURITY SCREENING AT MIAMI OCTOBER 28,  
STAGED A SIMILAR PERFORMANCE AT KINGSTON, JAMAICA

NOVEMBER 2. THE TEAM EVENTUALLY WENT THROUGH NORMAL  
SCREENING BUT HAD TO TAKE A LATER FLIGHT TO MIAMI EN  
ROUTE TO MEXICO CITY. A MEXICAN AIRPORT STRIKE PREVENTED  
DIRECT TRANSIT AND THE GROUP FLEW TO HOUSTON WHERE THEY  
OVERNIGHTED. TWO PRCLO STAFFERS FLEW TO MIAMI TO OVERSEE  
THE TRANSIT AND ACCOMPANIED THE TEAM TO HOUSTON. THEY  
ARE DEPARTING FOR MEXICO THIS EVENING. IN MIAMI, THE  
TEAM WENT THROUGH NORMAL AIRPORT SECURITY, A HOPEFUL  
INDICATION THAT OUR MEETING WITH HSIEH CHI-MEI LAST WEEK  
MAY HAVE ENCOURAGED THE CHINESE TO BE MORE COOPERATIVE  
ON THE SECURITY ISSUE.

3. COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESENT DANGER DELEGATION (LIMITED  
OFFICIAL USE)

FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PAUL NITZE WILL LEAD A  
DELEGATION FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESENT DANGER ON A  
NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 12 TRIP TO THE PRC. THE GROUP  
INCLUDES DAVID PACKARD AND HENRY FOWLER. WE HAVE BEEN IN  
TOUCH WITH THE COMMITTEE.

4. AMERICAN RED CROSS CHAPTER'S DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH  
PRC RED CROSS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)  
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FOR THE FIRST TIME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, A LOCAL AMERICAN  
RED CROSS CHAPTER (YAKIMA, WASHINGTON) HAS COMMUNICATED  
DIRECTLY WITH THE PRC RED CROSS. THE YAKIMA CHAPTER  
TELEPHONED PEKING CONCERNING AN EXIT PERMIT FOR A PRC  
CITIZEN WHOSE BROTHER IN YAKIMA NEEDS A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT.  
IN THE PAST, THE PRC RED CROSS HAS NORMALLY NOT RESPONDED  
TO ARC COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS TYPE OF SUBJECT, BUT IN THIS  
INSTANCE THE HALF-HOUR CONVERSATION WAS REPORTEDLY "VERY  
CONGENIAL."

5. RUMORED US WHEAT SALE (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE (FAS) NOTES THAT THE  
RUMORED SALE OF US WHEAT TO THE PRC THROUGH A SWISS FIRM  
SEEMS "PLAUSIBLE," THOUGH WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM  
THE SALE. FAS FEELS THE PRC MIGHT WELL WANT TO TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF THE FAVORABLE MARKET FOR US WHEAT BY BUYING  
FROM A SWISS FIRM THAT IN THE PAST SOLD US-ORIGIN SOYBEANS  
TO THE PRC.

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